

To the Commissioners and Staff of the Federal Communications Commission:

I believe that Mr. Reich's Petition for Rulemaking #RM-10620 is faulty, and should be denied without further consideration. Why does Mr. Reich propose to "muddy the waters" again, after the Commission carefully streamlined the Amateur Service to reduce its workload? The intent of the Report and Order in 1999 was to streamline the Amateur Service in the light of decreased federal funding, not to deprive certain amateur licensees of priveleges. If those licensees desired increased priveleges, they should study, and test, and receive their increased priveleges as a result of due diligence and hard work. Don't increase your workload just because certain amateurs still hold a grudge or think they should have increased operating ability handed to them because of life experience.

If the FCC wanted to recognize ability or study beyond what is required for the four elements required for an Amateur Extra license, they should recognize solid, well planned syllabi, like the on-line correspondence courses sponsored by the ARRL.

The Commission should not increase its workload for the simple benefit of the few. I ask that Petition #RM-10620 be dismissed without further consideration.

Respectfully,

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